



Milwaukee County

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COUNTY BOARD CALLS FOR LONG-TERM STUDY OF HOAN BRIDGE *Supervisors call on State to study maintaining and re-decking current Hoan Bridge*

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors Patricia Jursik, Marina Dimitrijevic and Chris Larson are commending their colleagues on the County Board for opposing further State studies on tearing down the Hoan Bridge in Milwaukee. The three Supervisors represent south shore neighborhoods in Milwaukee, St. Francis, Cudahy, South Milwaukee and Oak Creek.

The County Board voted unanimously to request that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) complete a study of the maintenance and re-decking of the Hoan Bridge and provide findings to Milwaukee County, municipalities affected and the legislature before any additional studies are conducted demolishing this vital transportation link.

“Frank Busalacchi, the State’s transportation czar, has contracted with HNTB to study removing the Hoan Bridge/794 corridor without getting any input from residents or elected officials in the affected neighborhoods,” Supervisor Jursik said. “Through the Coalition to Save the Hoan, we have already collected more than 5,000 signatures from individuals who oppose tearing down this transportation lifeline.”

“As elected officials who collectively represent approximately 150,000 south shore residents, it is our duty to advocate on behalf of these concerned citizens,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. “We must continue to put pressure on the State to leave the Hoan alone!”

“The reaction I’m receiving in my district is too powerful for the State to ignore,” added Supervisor Chris Larson. “Considering the potential broad impact on residents, businesses, and the Port of Milwaukee, removing this bridge should no longer be up for consideration. I am confident the SEWRPC study will prove this without a doubt.”

The resolution approved this morning also requests that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission review the assumptions and factual statements made in the HNTB contracted report regarding traffic impact and provide the results of this review to Milwaukee County.

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